



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

May 13, 2025 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, DRAKE, HESSELBEIN, KEYESKI, MARKLEIN, RATCLIFF, ROYS and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives TITTL, DITTRICH, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BEHNKE, BROWN, CLANCY, FITZGERALD, GUNDRUM, JOHNSON, KREIBICH, MADISON, MCCARVILLE, MOSES, MURPHY, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, PRADO, ROE, SNYDER, STUBBS, TAYLOR, VANDERMEER, VINING, WITTKE and MIRESE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** designating May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, Mental Health Awareness Month provides a meaningful
3 opportunity to recognize the vital role mental well-being plays in the health of
4 individuals, families, and communities across Wisconsin, to promote informed
5 dialogue, and to address the stigma surrounding mental health; and

6 Whereas, mental health conditions affect one in five U.S. adults and one in six
7 youth annually, touching the lives of Wisconsinites across every age group and
8 region; and

9 Whereas, Wisconsin is facing a significant rise in youth mental health
10 challenges, mirroring a nationwide 31 percent increase in emergency room visits
11 related to mental health among young people in 2020, a concerning trend that has
12 continued to grow in recent years; and

13 Whereas, in both rural and urban settings, access to professional mental

1 health services across all 72 Wisconsin counties remains essential for meeting the
2 mental health needs of Wisconsin's population; and

3 Whereas, by providing care, guidance, and connection, mental health
4 professionals and peer support networks empower individuals to manage mental
5 health challenges and work toward a brighter, healthier future; and

6 Whereas, with effective treatment, education, and community support,
7 individuals experiencing mental health conditions can recover, grow, and thrive;
8 and

9 Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature recognizes the critical need to strengthen
10 mental health systems and remains committed to advancing initiatives that expand
11 access, reduce barriers, and improve awareness; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
13 Legislature designates May 2025 and May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness
14 Months in Wisconsin.

15 (END)